

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A wrapper for packaging one or more articles, the wrapper being constituted by a sleeve of heat-shrink plastics material for shrinking onto the article(s) for packaging, said sleeve being obtained from a film folded in half and looped by uniting the two end zones concerned, wherein the two end zones concerned are essentially touching facing free edges, and they are united by an overlap strip adhering to said zones on one of the faces of the sleeve on either side of the two facing free edges, the other face of said sleeve then being essentially smooth.
2. An article-packaging wrapper according to claim 1, wherein the overlap strip adheres to the end zones on the outside face of the sleeve, the inside face of said sleeve being essentially smooth.
3. An article-packaging wrapper according to claim 2, wherein the essentially smooth inside face of the sleeve is decorated, the decoration being visible from the outside by transparency.
4. An article-packaging wrapper according to claim 1, wherein the overlap strip adheres to the end zones on the inside face of the sleeve, the outside face of said sleeve being essentially smooth.
5. An article-packaging wrapper according to claim 1, wherein the overlap strip is bonded to the end zones by means such as heat-sealing, ultrasound welding, or adhesive.
6. An article-packaging wrapper according to claim 1, wherein the overlap strip adheres to the end zones by adhesive or the like, with the coefficient of adhesion on either side of the two facing free edges being identical or different.
7. An article-packaging wrapper according to claim 6, wherein the substance such as adhesive or varnish used for bonding the overlap strip is soluble in a suitable solvent, so as to make the packaged article(s) more suitable for recycling.
8. An article-packaging wrapper according to claim 6, wherein the substance such as adhesive or varnish used for bonding the overlap strip is a peel-off adhesive, so as to facilitate removal of said strip and opening of the sleeve.

9. An article-packaging wrapper according to claim 1, wherein the overlap strip is extended laterally, at least on one side thereof, by a flap that does not adhere to the outside face of the sleeve, or that adheres thereto via isolated points only.
10. An article-packaging wrapper according to claim 9, wherein the or each flap is connected to the portion of the overlap strip which adheres to the outside face of the sleeve via a precut line so that said flap is detachable.
11. An article-packaging wrapper according to claim 9, wherein the or each flap presents an internal cutout, so that said flap can be used as a handle for grasping the packaged article(s).
12. An article-packaging wrapper according to claim 1, wherein the overlap strip presents at least one line of microperforations extending in the longitudinal direction of said strip, in the vicinity of the facing free edges so as to enable the sleeve to be torn open.
13. An article-packaging wrapper according to claim 1, wherein the wall of the sleeve presents a line of microperforations in the vicinity of at least one of the zones where the overlap strip adheres thereto, thereby enabling the sleeve to be torn open.
14. An article-packaging wrapper according to claim 12, wherein the overlap strip is extended at one end by a pull tab.
15. An article-packaging wrapper according to claim 1, wherein the overlap strip is made of a mono- or bi-oriented heat-shrink plastics material having high shrinkage power in the width direction thereof, so that it is itself shrunk onto the article(s) together with the wall of the sleeve.